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## 1. Association of the Bar of the City of New York

### Special consultative status granted in 1997

**The Aims and Purposes of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York**

The City Bar was founded in 1870 by members of the New York bar to fight corruption in the courts and to "sustain the profession in its proper position in the community, and thereby enable it... to promote the interests of the public..." Membership in the City Bar is open to lawyers throughout the world. The membership as of December 31, 2004, is nearly twenty-three thousand lawyers, including lawyers whose home bar is in forty-eight states of the United States of America, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands and in fifty-eight nations.

**The primary aims and purposes of the City Bar include those set forth immediately below**

The City Bar continues to work at political, legal and social reform, and maintaining high ethical standards for the legal profession. The City Bar also continues to implement innovative means by which the disadvantaged may be helped. Much of this work is accomplished through the City Bar's more than one hundred and sixty committees, each charged to consider a specific area of law or the profession. The public good remains one of the City Bar's highest priorities. The Legal Referral Service, jointly sponsored by the City Bar and the New York County Lawyers' Association, provides an array of services directly aimed at serving the needs of the public. The City Bar Justice Center identifies the most pressing legal concerns of New York's neediest and uses novel approaches to address them, often involving community participation.

The City Bar is governed by the membership, which meets annually. The City Bar is managed by its Executive Committee, which meets frequently. The City Bar has a President elected by the members who is the Chief Executive Officer, and a professional staff that is headed by the Executive Director.

The City Bar has sixteen committees, with particular focus on the United Nations and its work. Those committees are as follows; African Affairs; Asian Affairs; Delegation to the International Bar Association; Delegation to the Union Internationale des Avocats; European Affairs; Foreign & Comparative Law; Inter American Affairs; Council on International commercial Disputes; International Environmental Law; International Human Rights; International Legal Services; International Securities Affairs; International Trade; Military Affairs & Justice, United Nations.

In addition, many other Association committees have an interest in international matters which are on the agenda of United Nations entities.

**Activities of the City Bar**

The City Bar organizes and holds, throughout the year, solely or in cooperation with one or more entities, more than two hundred forums, programs, seminars and other events. City Bar committees issue over one hundred reports per year. Much of this activity is related to the United Nations. A partial list of some of such activities (and the month and year of their occurrences) is set forth immediately below.

**Reports**

- A Chronology of Treaties, Communiques, and Other Agreements Concerning Taiwan's Political Status: 1895-2000 (1/01)
- New York City and the United Nations: Towards a Renewed Relationship (02/02)
- The Vienna Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade (02/02)
- The Struggle to Prosecute Human Rights Abuses in Aceh, Indonesia (03/02)
- Letter to the United States Senate re: Ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (04/02)
- Letter to President George W. Bush Re: the Sixtieth Ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (06/02)
- Interim Report on the Rule of Law, Democracy and the Protection of Fundamental Rights in Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region of China, June 1999 to July 2002 (11/02)
- Letter to President Bush Regarding Human Rights and Security of Women and Girls in Afghanistan (5/03)
- Letter to President Bush Regarding the Swearing in of the International Criminal Court's First Eighteen Judges (5/03)
- Letter to the U.S. Department of State Commenting on the Draft Addendum to the UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Privately Financed Infrastructure Projects (9/03)
- Letter to the President of Kyrgyzstan Regarding the Criminal Prosecution of Galina Kaisarova, a Member of the Kyrgyz Bar (10/03)
- Letter to Prime Minister Badawi of Malaysia Expressing Concern That the Trial and Conviction of Human Rights Activist Irene Fernandez Violates Internationally Recognized Standards of Free Expression (01/04)

- Report on a Mission to Northern Ireland of the Committee on International Human Rights (05/04)
- Human Rights Standards Applicable to the United States' Interrogation of Detainees (06/04)
- Recommendations Related to the Trial of Saddam Hussein (06/04)
- Letter to the UN expressing concern over the situation in the Darfur region in the Sudan (9/04)
- One Person One Vote: A Memorandum to the Civic Exchange of Hong Kong Addressing the US Electoral System as to the Functional Constituencies Embodied in the Basic Law for the Election of the Chief Executive and the Legislative Council in Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region of China(11/04)
- Torture by Proxy: International and Domestic Law Applicable to Extraordinary Renditions (11/04)

**Programs**

- Angola and Alternative Incentives to Peace – 5 April 2001
- Global Warming: Out of the Frying Pan? – 23 April 2001
- Globalization and National Sovereignty: Have Countries Lost the Ability to Govern? – 3 May 2001
- The Greening of the World Trade Organization – 3 October 2001
- Free Trade in the Americas: Lessons Learned and Future Challenges – 16 January 2001
- Iraq and the Use of Force under International Law – 7 October 2002
- War Crimes in the 21st Century: Prevention and Prosecution – 17 December 2002
- International Law in Crisis – and in Business – 23-25 October 2003
- Internationalism and Transitional Justice: The Iraqi Special Tribunal – 10 March 2004
- The Tragedy of Child Soldiers: International Law and the Prospects for Prevention – 16 June 2004
- Human Trafficking – 21 September 2004

- Crossing the Border: The International Struggle for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Equality – 28 October 2004

- Report of the United Nations High Level Panel – December 2004

**The City Bar and the United Nations**

The relations between the City Bar and the United Nations are overseen and coordinated by the Chair of the United Nations Committee. The City Bar has active representatives to the United Nations in the principle venues of the United Nations, New York, Geneva and Vienna. The City Bar attended and participated in the meetings of several United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Working Groups, both in Vienna and New York and is active in the ongoing work of United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). City Bar representatives also participated in other United Nations conferences, including the 46th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (3/02), the 28th Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (1/03) and the Ad-Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities, Second Session (6/03). A number of United Nations officials have attended meetings and events at the City Bar. The City Bar has sought and seeks to be of service to the United Nations and components of the United Nations system.

The City Bar has been involved in numerous activities that are relevant to the work of the United Nations, has responded to a number of requests emanating from the United Nations, and has received and studied many reports emanating from the United Nations. For instance, the City Bar is currently involved in nation building work in Rwanda, earnestly trying to improve the legal system of that county.

The City Bar values very highly its association with the United Nations through its special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The City Bar hopes, through this means, to make a contribution to the aims and goals of ECOSOC and other components of the United Nations system, and is making plans to do so. The City Bar stands ready, whenever called upon, to give such assistance as it is able to the ECOSOC and other components of the United Nations system.

## 2. Equality Now

**Special consultative status granted in 1997**

**The work of Equality Now**

Equality Now, founded in 1992, is an international human rights organization dedicated to the protection and promotion of women's rights around the world. Equality Now's mission is to end violence and discrimination against women and to gain universal recognition of women's rights as

human rights through the mobilization of public pressure. Issues of concern to Equality Now include rape, domestic violence, female genital mutilation, trafficking in women, reproductive rights, the denial of equal access to economic opportunity and political participation, and other forms of violence and discrimination against women.

**Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)**

Equality Now participates actively at the CSW each year.

**Trafficking**

In November 2002, in preparation for the 47th Session of the CSW in 2003, Equality Now participated in the discussion and drafting of the Report of the Expert Group Meeting on Trafficking in women and girls, hosted by the UN Division for the Advancement of Women.

In 2004, Equality Now participated in the Beijing +10 preparatory regional conferences in Mexico City (7-8 June 2004), Bangkok (7-10 September 2004) and Geneva (13-15 December 2004). In March 2004, Equality Now launched its updated Beijing+10 campaign highlighting a representative sampling of sex discriminatory laws from around the world in preparation for the Beijing +10 review process scheduled for the March 2005 session of the CSW. The Platform for Action adopted in 1995 in Beijing at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women includes a pledge by governments to revoke any remaining laws that discriminate on the basis of sex. Equality Now's report was intended as a reminder to governments of their commitment, and the campaign was launched at a side event organized in conjunction with the 48th session of the CSW in which the Mexican Government and the Division for the Advancement of Women participated Equality Now also filed a communication with the CSW in respect of all the countries featured in its report in preparation for the CSW's 49th session, under the CSW communications procedure. At the same time, Equality Now launched an initiative calling on the CSW to appoint a Special Rapporteur on laws that discriminate against women, to facilitate and accelerate fulfillment of the pledge made in Beijing.

*Workshop* - On 10-11 November 2001, the Lawyers Alliance for Woman (LAW) Project of Equality Now organized a workshop on the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, jointly with the University of Michigan Law School and in collaboration with the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women. More than fifteen lawyers from countries that had signed or ratified the Optional Protocol came to the workshop, which was designed to identify and explore possible cases that could be brought under the Optional Protocol.

*Article 8* - In October 2002, in collaboration with human rights groups from Mexico, Equality Now asked the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (the Committee) to undertake an inquiry under Article 8 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention into the pattern of abduction and murder of women in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. Equality Now representatives subsequently met with the Committee representatives who visited Mexico City and Ciudad Juárez in October 2003.

**Article 2 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

In July 2004, Equality Now presented a concept paper, at the request of the Committee, on the interpretation of Article 2 of the Convention.

**United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women and Peace and Security**

**Afghanistan**

In December 2001, Equality Now organized a coalition of women's organizations, which in collaboration with the Gender Advisor to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and UNIFEM, convened the Afghan Women's Summit for Democracy, which brought Afghan women leaders together in Brussels at the European Commission. The Gender Advisor, the Executive Director of UNIFEM, and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, all participated in the Summit. Following the meeting, Equality Now organized an "Arria Formula" meeting with members of the UN Security Council where Afghan women delegates pressed for full participation in the maintenance of peace as mandated by Security Council Resolution 1325. The delegation also met privately with Secretary-General Kofi Annan on 21 December 2001.

**Middle East**

In May 2002, Equality Now again requested an Arria Formula meeting at the UN Security Council, which was convened by the Norwegian Permanent Representative, in which leading Israeli and Palestinian women peace and human rights activists called for greater involvement of women in the peace process in implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325.

**United Nations Human Rights Committee**

Equality Now regularly submitted information on countries that reported to the Human Rights Committee, the treaty body that monitors compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and that were scheduled for review by the Committee, including countries that since 2001 have been reviewed despite failure to submit a report to the Committee. In 2001 and 2002, Equality Now submitted reports on The Gambia, Suriname and Mali.

**Division for the Advancement of Women**

Equality Now is a member of the NGO Task Force for the United Nations Violence Against Women study currently underway. In this capacity we have helped advise the Division for the Advancement of Women on the development of the study.

## 3. International Federation for Home Economics

### Special consultative status granted in 1981

**Aims of Organization:**

Founded in 1908, the mission of the the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) is to provide a forum for home economists as advocates for individuals, families and households in their home country and at the United Nations. The organization, in 116 countries, brings together more than 20 professional associations and groups and individuals. Five regions of the world are represented: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and the Pacific.

The IFHE World Congress, composed of both organizational and individual members, convenes every four years to formulate resolutions and recommendations that determine the direction of IFHE. The Council, consisting of representatives of member organizations, meets every two years to consider IFHE programmes and policies. The Executive Committee and Programme Committees meet yearly and are responsible for implementing the IFHE programme of work.

**Participation in UN Conferences and Meetings 2001-2004:**

IFHE NGOs are actively involved in those issues related to the family and its members. They attended those commission meetings listed below and provided leadership formulating statements submitted by the NGO Committee on the Family/NY and presented three of them orally.

Commission on Social Development (CSD): 39th Session 13 -23 February 2001, 40th Session 11-27 February 2002, 41st Session 10-21 February 2003, 42nd Session 4-13 February 2004. 2/01,2/02,2/03,2/04 - Cosigner of statements submitted by the NGO Committee on the Family/NY (statements emphasized improvement of family life in the area of health, housing, elimination of poverty, as well as the 10th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family). 2/01,2/02,2/03 - Statements were presented orally that were submitted by the NGO Committee on the Family/NY.

Commission on the Status for Women (CSW) 45th Session 6-16 march 2001, 46th Session 4-15 March 2002, 47th Session 3-14 March 2003, 48th Session 1-12 March 2004. (attended all sessions).

Annual DPI/NGO Conference 54th Conference 10-12 September 2001 (11-12 September cancelled due to tragic event of 11th September 2001), 55th Conference 9-11 September 2002, 56th Conference 8-10 September 2003, 57th Conference 8-10 September 2004.

9/01,9/02,9/03,9/04 - Participated in the planning of the conference.

9/02,9/03,9/04 - Sponsored midday workshops in conjunction with the NGO Committee on the Family/NY, NGO Committee on Ageing, NGO Committee on Children's Rights and International Immigration Foundation.

2/02 Fourth UN Consultative Meeting of Regional and International NGOs on the Family to exchange views on joint cooperation with respect to the Tenth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family.

**Cooperation with UN Bodies and Specialized Agencies:**

- 2001-20004 Cooperated with the Focal Point on the Family in planning and presenting programmes for UN agencies, delegates and NGOs to celebrate the International Day of Families on May 15th.
- 5/04 - IFHE NGOs with the NGO Committee on the Family/NY, Focal Point on the Family, and DPI presented a program for the Tenth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family.
- IFHE NGOs work with Director, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (DPI) in planning programs for the International Day of Families and for the Annual DPI/NGO Conference

**Participation in NGO Committees:**

- IFHE NGOs are members of and actively involved in those Committees related to the family and its members. The first priorty has been the NGO Committee on the Family/NY where they have served in leadership roles since it was organized in the mid 1980s. During 2001-2004 IFHE representatives were Co-Chair and Treasurer.
- 2001-2004 IFHE representatives regularly attended the following meetings: NGO Committee on Older Persons; NGO Committee on Status of Women; Committee on UNIFEM; NGO Committee on Children's Rights; NGO Committee on the Girl Child; Department of public information (DPI).

**Other Activities:**

- 28/6/01 IFHE members (from other parts of the United States of America) at UN for NGO Committee on the Family/NY Meeting on Poverty.
- 5-9/4/02 IFHE member participated in the Madrid, Spain, Forum on Ageing.
- IFHE NGOs attended the UN General Assembly Special Session on Children
- 10/03 IFHE NGOs participated in the 13th Annual Celebration of the International Day of Older Persons.
- 5/04 IFHE NGOs planned and participated in the Tenth Anniversary Celebration of the International Year of the Family.
- 8-10/9/04 IFHE NGOs planned and participated in Midday NGO Interactive Workshop on "Millennium Development Goals: Civil Society Takes Action".
- 2/12/04 IFHE NGOs collaborated and participated in the 15th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- 6/12/04 IFHE NGOs in collaboration with the United Nations Department of Economic Affairs and the New York NGO Committee on the Family organized a panel discussion for the Tenth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family.

## 4. Pathways To Peace

### Special consultative status granted in 1989

### Part I

Pathways To Peace (PTP) is an international Peacebuilding, educational and consulting organisation. The primary mission of PTP is to contribute to the evolving mission of the United Nations by expanding the substantive expression of "Peace" and Peacebuilding, and to build a Culture of Peace by uniting and enhancing the strengths of existing organisations and programmes, locally and globally.

In its capacity as International Secretariat for the "WE THE PEOPLES" INITIATIVE (WPI), a UN-designated Peace Messenger Initiative, Pathways To Peace continued during 2001-2004 to work closely with international non-governmental organisations in all the world's regions, in order to build co-operation amongst UN INGOs and with the UN in the context of the UN International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World. In preparation for the mid-Decade review, a special WPI report was presented to the Office of the Secretary-General. Over 300 international Participating Organisations from nations worldwide observed the annual highlight of WPI, the UN International Day of Peace.

Throughout the period 2001-2004, PTP participated in numerous UN conferences and events, including the "UN World Summit on Sustainable Development" in Johannesburg (2002), and "Toward a Democratic United Nations For the 21st Century" in San Francisco (2004). PTP was an active participant in the annual DPI/NGO Conferences 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 as well as the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). PTP also attended meetings of the NGO Committee on UNICEF.

### Part II

In 2001, PTP representatives participated in a series of events focusing on children. PTP attended the "UN Special Session on Children", which took place on September 19-21, as well as the preparatory meeting in June. In August, there was a special performance entitled "Children and Armed Conflict: Wounded Children Reclaim their lives", sponsored by the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and Pathways To Peace, and performed by the Ithuteng Tung Children from South Africa. PTP also participated in the "Special Session of the General Assembly for an Overall Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Habitat Agenda – Istanbul+5" at UN headquarters in NY on June 6-8.

In May 2002, a special invitation was given to PTP's President to attend the "Forum for First Spouses on Women's Leadership for Children", hosted by Mrs. Nane Annan. PTP representatives also attended the "Special Session of the General Assembly on Children" at UN headquarters.

Later in 2002, PTP made presentations on Peacebuilding in a multicultural context and implications to social and economic development, and participated in the "World Summit on Sustainable Development" in Johannesburg, South Africa, August 26-September 4. PTP participated as well in preparatory meetings and post-summit meetings with delegations from Taiwan Province of China, Brazil, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Republic of Korea, India and various African countries.

As part of its Peacebuilding work, PTP co-sponsored "Building a Culture of Peace from the Ground Up" at UN, New York. Guest speakers included Ambassador Anwarul Chowdhury, USG for Least-Developed Countries and Mr Olara Otunnu, Special Representative to the SG for Children and Armed Conflict. The program concluded with an interfaith Peace offering and a call for observance of the UN International Day of Peace on September 21st, 2002.

One of the "Pathways To Peace" is the environment, which was the subject of the opening event, "Peace and the Environment", for the 2002 "Season for Nonviolence", held in the ECOSOC Chamber, UN Headquarters on January 31. PTP assisted in organizing the program, which included presentations by H.E. Patricia Durrant, Chair of the General Assembly Special Session on Children, Dr. Wangari Maathai of Kenya, and Mr. Adnan Amin, Director of UNEP's NY office.

PTP UN representatives participated in UN sessions on ensuring sustainable development of oceans and coasts, by showing how "water purification" is a key to good health. The subject of Peace through environmental health continued in 2003, with PTP participation in "Water of Life: Fresh Perspectives on the World's Water Crisis" (16 October) at UN, NY, co-sponsored by DESA and DPI, with speaker Marcia Brewster of ECOSOC.

On 3-14 March 2004, PTP attended the "Fifth World Conference on Women and the 2004 CSW Review of the Bejing Platform for Action" – discussions by NGOs at the 47th Session of the Commission of the Status of Women, at UN headquarters in NY. Another event focusing on women was the ecumenical consultation on the role of women in peace processes (March) 2004, related to seeking nonviolent solutions to enmity and violence, and included a presentation on UN Resolution 1325 on women, decision-making and peacemaking.

In May, PTP was invited to participate as observer in the Second Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, UN New York, 2004.

PTP worked with the New Dimensions World Broadcasting Network, to create and air the program "Peace is a Verb" in September 2003, to increase civil society awareness of, and participation in, the UN International Day of Peace.

To increase participation in the UN International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World, PTP was involved in the Parliament of the World's Religions event in Barcelona, Spain, as well as the preparatory conferences (2003-2004) leading up to the event. PTP worked with other organisations to introduce a link to the UN at this historic gathering, and arranged for UN representatives to attend.

young people around the world on how far they felt that the commitments made in Rio had been honored in their country. The result was another volume, *Rescue Mission 2002* in which the issues raised at Rio were re-visited. It was an excellent entry-level volume for 10-13 year olds to the issues of sustainable development, and a useful guide for diplomats on young people's current impressions on progress towards achieving a more sustainable world community. It also introduces MDGs and makes the links between them and Agenda 21.

**Be the Change (BTC) – the first 60 projects**: We put in major effort throughout the year to reach and complete the first fifty BTC YLD projects. In fact, we achieved over 60 – with another 100 or so seeking funding, a satisfactory number to bring to 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) Johannesburg.

***Earth Focus***: In partnership with the Bellerive Foundation, International Labour Organization (ILO), World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the Eden Project, we completed 4 issues of the youth environment magazine, *Earth Focus*. Though an exciting project, the logistics were made difficult by the extraordinary management procedures set up by Bellerive. These caused considerable amount of frustration to the youth in PCI. They completed each issue on time.

***Sustainable Human Development***: This book was completed for the UNDP Human Development Report (HDR) office as a summary of the first ten HDRs. It was our hardest book – and took three years to complete. However, it won Royal Geography Society (RGS) prize for best Geography text book of the year and remains probably our finest achievement in the area of youth-led book creation.

**January 2002 – December 2002**:

**Johannesburg WSSD (August – September)**: We took a delegation of 12 young people to the Summit and deployed them widely throughout the Summit activities, centering at the Ubuntu Village. Our main focus was to gather stories for the WSSD issue of Earth Focus, and to promote our *Rescue Mission 2002*, and the concept of YLD, exemplified by the 100% success rate of the 60+ projects completed in our BTC program.

***TUNZA***: Sadly, the WSSD issue was the last *Earth Focus* we worked on. We had an alternative offer of assisting Banson Publications to produce the new *TUNZA* youth environment magazine for the UNEP. We produced two issues of the magazine in this time period.

**Defra Mk (project) I – Year One**: In April of 2002, PCI started what was to become a long and most productive relationship with the Dept. of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and an official BTC Ambassador program. This involves training young people across England to go out and teach their peers the basic principles of sustainable development. In this first year, we aimed to train our own young PCI interns – and develop the Ambassador Kit.

**January 2003 – December 2003**:

**World Youth Congress (WYC)-2 Morocco**: On 16-30 August 2003, the second WYC was held in Bouznika, Morocco. Much of this year was spent planning the Congress and recruiting participants from over 100 countries to attend. The preparatory process worked well, especially in the setting up of action projects in all 16 provinces of Morocco. However, initial ebullience turned to bitterness and regret as our hosts over-turned majority decisions by the Congress plenary, and acts of violence committed by Moroccan and Palestinian delegates against Israeli delegates went unpunished. In the Casablanca Declaration and the Congress publication, *Target 2015*, youths were mobilized to see their role to achieve MDG. Certainly, from the presentation of UNICEF, UNFPA and, especially the MDG campaign, the young delegates learned the importance of the goals, and their role in helping to achieve them. Also, in the workshops with ILO and UNESCO, the young delegates learned how they could partner with the UN agencies in the development of UN initiatives.

**Be the Change! Youth-led Action for Sustainable Development**: This remains PCI's core activity through the year across the world, and has already met with considerable success – in spite of major funding from Levi Strauss and the relationship with Netaid coming to an end. Aware that a culture of dependency does not lead to youth empowerment, PCI took a decision to support our groups to seek out their own funding mechanisms rather than relying on non-existent central core funds. We made no progress in attracting institutional funding for BTC this year again.

**Peace Child India**: We completed almost 40 projects and set up a residential headquarters where interns from around the world stay to work. They do projects such as summer camps to rehabilitate glue and solvent sniffers; renovation of reading rooms and schools; and small business start-ups and horticultural activities.

**Peace Child Sierra Leone**: Sheky Syl Kamara has managed to fund about three YLD projects in and around Freetown. He completed the enormously satisfactory sanitation facility renewal at the Mandela camp for displaced people – a grant of $500 completing a job that the adult population had sought $10,000 for UNDP to do. Tree-planting and a piggery were the other two projects.

**Mision Rescate Peru**: PCI's Peruvian Field Office is now firmly installed in the Catholic University in Lima. It did 8 projects around the country – reaching out to the most disadvantaged youth especially in the North and the Amazon areas. The Blooming Colibri project, providing new education, training and life opportunities for street children in Cusco, remains the most successful project.

**Defra Mk I – Year Two**: Statistics for Defra Mk I-Year Two comfortably exceeded projects with 115 ambassadors trained and 347 presentations completed to 15,662 young people.

**January 2004 – December 2004**:

**Defra Mk I – Year Three**: Statistics for Defra Mk One Year Three almost doubled what we had projected with 412 ambassadors trained and 449 presentations completed to 19,686 young people. We

were able to issue 293 certificates to BTC Ambassadors who had completed and, in some cases, exceeded their quotas for presentations.

**Defra Mk II – Year One**: In September, Defra issued its call for proposals for the next triennium, not just for awareness raising but rather for measurable evidence of behavior change. We came up with the concept of the BTC Challenge – a challenge to young people to move their lifestyles to more sustainable patterns of behavior through signing up to a Lifestyle Contract. Ambassadors continue to promote the concept to schools across England, and Regional Directors work to recruit new BTC Schools to model the system. With the materials now freely available to all via the Website, we are confident that this new youth-led approach to sustainable development education will become more popular around the world. *[However, it has to be said that Peace Child Trustees were disappointed that, after an application process stretching over four years, our application to become a UNESCO NGO affiliate organization was finally turned down. UNESCO remains the most difficult and frustrating of the UN agencies for NGOs like our's to work with.]*

**EU – Seeking excellence in partnership at a local level**: In December 2004, we heard the good news that our application to research excellence in youth-adult partnerships at a local level across five countries of the European Union had been accepted. The five countries are United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Austria, Hungary, Ireland and Slovenia. In each, we are doing pilot projects to model good – and less good – practices in youth participation at a local level. A two-day planning meeting was held at the PCI HQ in December 2004.